

(e) Fruit brandies distilled from the same kind of fruit at not more than 170° of proof may, for the sole purpose of perfecting such brandies according to commercial standards, be blended with each other, or with any blend of such fruit brandies in storage. Rums may, for the sole purpose of perfecting them according to commercial standards, be blended with each other, or with any blend of rums.

(f) Packaging after mingling or blending must be done under the provisions of § 19.324. The mingled or blended spirits may be returned to the packages from which they were dumped, or as many of the packages as needed.

(26 U.S.C. 5201, 5214)

**§ 19.327 Packages dumped for mingling.**

A proprietor must examine each package of spirits to be dumped for mingling. If any package bears evidence of loss due to theft or unauthorized voluntary destruction, the proprietor must notify the appropriate TTB officer before dumping the package. Mingled spirits must be recorded on the tank record required by §§ 19.592 and 19.593, as appropriate.

(26 U.S.C. 5201)

**§ 19.328 Determining age of mingled spirits.**

When spirits are mingled, the age of the spirits for the entire lot will be the age of the youngest spirits contained in the lot.

(26 U.S.C. 5201)

**§ 19.329 Mingled spirits or wines held in tanks.**

When wines or spirits of less than 190° of proof are mingled in a tank, the proprietor must gauge the spirits or wines in the tank and record the mingling gauge on the tank record prescribed in § 19.592.

(26 U.S.C. 5201)

USE OF OAK CHIPS AND CARAMEL

**§ 19.331 Use of oak chips in spirits and caramel in brandy and rum.**

A proprietor may add oak chips that have not been treated with any chemical to packages of spirits. The proprietor

must note the use of oak chips on all transaction records. A proprietor may add caramel that has no material sweetening properties to rum or brandy stored in packages or tanks.

(26 U.S.C. 5201)

STORAGE INVENTORIES

**§ 19.333 Physical inventories.**

A proprietor must take a physical inventory of all spirits and wines held in the storage account in tanks and other containers (except packages) at the close of each calendar quarter. A proprietor must record the results of the inventory as provided in subpart V of this part. TTB may require additional inventories at any time.

(26 U.S.C. 5201)

**Subpart N—Processing of Distilled Spirits**

**§ 19.341 General.**

This subpart covers processing operations at distilled spirits plants. A proprietor authorized to perform processing operations must conduct processing operations in accordance with the provisions of this subpart. Subpart V of this part sets forth recordkeeping requirements that apply to processing operations. Also, the provisions of subpart O of this part apply if a proprietor denatures spirits or manufactures articles on bonded premises as part of processing operations under this subpart.

(26 U.S.C. 5201)

RULES FOR RECEIPT AND USE OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND ALCOHOLIC FLAVORING MATERIALS

**§ 19.342 Receipt of spirits, wines, and alcoholic flavoring materials for processing.**

(a) *Receipt of bulk spirits.* A proprietor may receive bulk spirits into the processing account:

- (1) From the production or storage account at the same plant;
- (2) By transfer in bond from another distilled spirits plant; or
- (3) By withdrawal from customs custody under 26 U.S.C. 5232.

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(b) *Receipt of wines.* A proprietor may receive wines into the processing account:

(1) From the storage account at the same plant; or

(2) By transfer in bond from a bonded wine cellar or another distilled spirits plant.

(c) *Receipt of spirits returned to bond.* A proprietor may receive spirits into the processing account that are returned to bond under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 5215.

(d) *Receipt of alcoholic flavoring materials.* A proprietor may receive alcoholic flavoring materials into the processing account.

(e) *Dumping of spirits, wines, and alcoholic flavoring materials.* As provided in §§ 19.343 and 19.598, the proprietor must prepare a dump/batch record when spirits, wines, and alcoholic flavoring materials are dumped for use in the processing account. Spirits, wines, and alcoholic flavoring materials that are dumped into the processing account are subject to the following rules:

(1) Spirits and wines received in bulk containers or conveyances may be retained in the containers or conveyances in which received until used, but must be recorded as dumped upon receipt;

(2) Spirits and wines received by pipeline must be deposited in tanks and recorded as dumped on receipt; and

(3) Alcoholic flavoring materials may be retained in the containers in which received or may be transferred to another container if the proprietor marks or otherwise indicates thereon, the full identification of the original container, the date of receipt, and the quantity deposited. Alcoholic flavoring materials and nonalcoholic ingredients will be considered dumped when mixed with spirits or wines.

(f) *Gauging.* A proprietor must determine the proof gallon content of spirits, wines, and alcoholic flavoring materials at the time of dumping. Additional information regarding the gauging of spirits, wines, and alcoholic flavoring materials is found in subpart K of this part.

(26 U.S.C. 5201)

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### § 19.343 Use of spirits, wines, and alcoholic flavoring materials.

A proprietor must prepare a dump/batch record in accordance with § 19.598 for spirits, wines, alcoholic flavoring materials, and nonalcoholic ingredients used in the manufacture of a distilled spirits product according to the following rules.

(a) *Dump record.* A proprietor must prepare a dump record when spirits, wines, or alcoholic flavoring materials are dumped for use in the manufacture of a distilled spirits product, and when spirits are dumped for redistillation in the processing account.

(b) *Batch record.* A proprietor must prepare a batch record to report:

(1) The dumping of spirits that are to be used immediately and in their entirety in preparing a batch of a product manufactured under an approved formula;

(2) The use of spirits or wines previously dumped, reported on dump records and retained in tanks or receptacles; or

(3) The use of any combination of ingredients under paragraph (b)(1) or paragraph (b)(2) of this section in preparing a batch of product manufactured under an approved formula.

(26 U.S.C. 5201)

### § 19.344 Manufacture of nonbeverage products, intermediate products, or eligible flavors.

(a) Distilled spirits and wine may be used for the manufacture of flavors or flavoring extracts of a nonbeverage nature as intermediate products to be used exclusively in the manufacture of other distilled spirits products on bonded premises.

(b) Nonbeverage products on which drawback will be claimed, as provided in 26 U.S.C. 5111–5114, may not be manufactured on bonded premises. Premises used for the manufacture of nonbeverage products on which drawback will be claimed must be separated from bonded premises.

(c) For purposes of computing an effective tax rate, flavors manufactured on either the bonded or general premises of a distilled spirits plant are not eligible flavors. See § 19.1 for the definition of the term “eligible flavor” and